

October 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m.

## Order of Service

### GATHERING

As followers of Jesus  
we will love the Lord our God  
with all our hearts,  
with all our souls  
and with all our minds.  
And we will love our neighbors  
as ourselves and serve them  
in the name of Christ.  
*Matthew 22:37, 39*

*Love God  
Follow Jesus  
Serve in Spirit*

*Please sign the Friendship Register  
found at the end of the pew and  
pass it on as you prepare for  
worship. Visitors are urged to leave  
their address, to receive a letter of  
welcome from the pastor and be  
placed on the newsletter mailing list.*

PRELUDE *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* – Gary Smoke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Jack Oliver

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP – Peter and Hanneke Jacobs

*Bless the Lord*

Choristers, Soloists Sophia Letizia and Evie Couillard

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* – David Crowder

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Chorus: So come on and sing out. Let our anthem grow loud.  
There is one great love, Jesus.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin. He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

(Chorus)

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice, New life the dead receive.  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice. The humble born in need.

\*Please stand at the asterisks.

### **Anthem Text:**

Rejoice in the Lord all ye righteous! For the Word of the Lord is upright!  
Praise the Lord with the lyre.  
Make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings.  
Sing to Him a new song.  
Play skillfully on the strings with loud shouts! With loud shouts!  
Praise the Lord with a song. Sing to the Lord our God with our voices firm and strong.  
Sing to Him a new song.  
Play skillfully on the strings with loud shouts! With loud shouts!  
By the Word of the Lord, by the Word of the Lord, the heavens were made.  
The earth is full of the love of the Lord, the love of the Lord,  
The love of the Lord, the love of the Lord.  
The counsel of the Lord stands forever. The thoughts of His heart to all people.  
Blessed is the nation where God is Lord!  
Our soul waits for the Lord. He is our help and shield.  
Yea, our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His Name.  
Let Thy steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us even as we hope in Thee!  
Rejoice in the Lord, all ye righteous! Rejoice in the Lord!

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Glory to God, and praise, and love be now and ever giv'n.  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

So come on and sing out. Let our anthem grow loud.  
There is one great love. So come on, so come on,  
So come on and sing out. Let our anthem grow loud.  
There is one great love. There is one great love.  
There is one great love, Jesus!

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### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy and compassion,**

**We cry out to you this week in yet another tragedy and senseless loss of life. You sent your Son to be the Prince of Peace and yet our hearts seem too hardened to learn the ways of peace. Forgive us our hardened hearts and our violent ways. Forgive our numbness to death and destruction. Forgive our focus on division rather than unity, which leads to viewing others as enemy. Forgive our justification for this terror and our unwillingness to change. Forgive our hopelessness. Help us to place our hope in you, Lord, and to let you truly guide our feet into the ways of peace. Open us to your transforming love which insists we love others as you have first loved us. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#579**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

John 11:17-37

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**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **ANTHEM**

*A Festive Psalm*

— Eugene Butler

Sanctuary Choir, Choristers, Pianist Bea Towe

### **SERMON**

Rev. Ann Conklin

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

## **RESPONDING**

### **\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

**#291**

*O God of Earth and Altar*

**\*CONFESSION**

We trust in God,  
 whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
 In sovereign love God created the world good  
 and makes everyone equally in God's image  
 male and female, of every race and people,  
 to live as one community.  
 But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
 Ignoring God's commandments,  
 we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
 accept lies as truth,  
 exploit neighbor and nature,  
 and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
 We deserve God's condemnation.  
 Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
 In everlasting love,  
 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
 to bless all families of the earth.  
 Hearing their cry,  
 God delivered the children of Israel  
 from the house of bondage.  
 Loving us still,  
 God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
 God is faithful still. — A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

**PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** — Richard Smallwood, arr. Gardner/Knight  
*Anthem of Praise*  
 One Voice

**\*DOXOLOGY** #592  
**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN** *O Jesus I Have Promised* #388

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** *He Leadeth Me* — Joseph Gilmore  
 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
 sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
 By waters still, over troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.  
 He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;  
 His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

**POSTLUDE** *Finale* — Stanley Vann

**Liturgist:** Nancy Tordai

**Greeters:** Bill Lents, Susan Durand

**Ushers:** Thank you to Graham Walker's team. Next week: Robert Harding's team.

**Special Music:** This week's special music is being offered by the Choristers and One Voice. Next Sunday's special music will include the Sanctuary Choir. The complete Worship Planning schedule is available at [fpcmesa.org/worship](http://fpcmesa.org/worship).

**Praise Band:** Erin Skarphol, vocals; Karen Rudin, rhythm guitar/vocals; Mark Ramsey, piano/vocals; Paul Soderquist, drums

**Sound Booth:** Bob Schulz

**Nursery Workers:** Thank you to Helen Letizia & Mihret Gerlach.

**Activity bags for children** are available at the back of the sanctuary. These are for use during worship.

**Visitors** are encouraged to visit the Information Kiosk by the main doors of the sanctuary to learn more about the church's programs.

**Audio assistance** is available for those who may be unable to adequately hear the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Check the bulletin boards in the church office** for information regarding events or opportunities in the life of the church and the community.

**Prayer Chain:** If you or a loved one are in need of special prayers, e-mail: **Joy Schulz at [ozinaz1@cox.net](mailto:ozinaz1@cox.net)**, the church office at [pubs@fpcmesa.org](mailto:pubs@fpcmesa.org) or call 480-964-8606, to request prayers by the prayer chain.

**Bulletin Recycling.** If you do not want to take your bulletin home, please take it to the recycling basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**If you are hospitalized or confined at home** due to illness, call the church office at 480-964-8606 to let us know. Please note: If you are in the hospital, let us know what your room number is. In order to comply with new stricter government regulations to protect patients' privacy, hospitals refuse to provide any information, including room numbers.

**Sanctuary Flowers** are a way for you to recall a special person or event in your life. Flowers are available at a cost of \$50 or you may notify the church office of your desire to furnish your own flowers. You may take the flowers that Sunday or leave them for the Deacons to deliver. If you are interested in providing flowers, fill out the form found at the Kiosk or in the office. After completion, please return it to the office, along with a check and instructions.

**Activities for the Week of October 8, 2017**

<b>Today, 10/8</b>	9:00a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
	11:00a.m.	HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, 10/9</b>	7:00p.m.	Eve Circle, Parlor
<b>Tuesday, 10/10</b>	9:30a.m.	Deborah Circle
	1:00p.m.	Rachel Circle, Library
	7:00p.m.	Cub Scouts, Youth Room
	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 10/11</b>	7:30a.m.	Men's Fellowship
	8:30a.m.	Dave's Crew
	5:00p.m.	WRAP
	6:15p.m.	First Ringers, Bell Room
	6:15p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	6:30p.m.	Grief Share, Parlor
	7:15p.m.	Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 10/12</b>	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room

**Upcoming Events**

<b>October 15</b>	Commissions & Session meet
<b>October 22</b>	Rev. Ann Conklin's Installation
<b>October 28</b>	Mesa Make-a-Difference Day
<b>October 29</b>	Dedication Sunday
	Monthly Food Drive
<b>November 11</b>	Community Yard Sale

**Coffee time will follow the service.  
The hosts today are Martha Bienert, Dale Gibson  
& Marie-Claire Cordray.  
Baked goods are provided by Alice Schlak & Mildred Kimbrough.**

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